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Dear Parent / Carer,

S3 Scottish National Standardised Assessments

The Scottish Government introduced standardised assessments in 2017 for children and young people in P1, P4, P7 and S3. Young People in S3 may have already experienced these assessments in P7 and be familiar with their format.

The assessments provide teachers with consistent information on young people's progress in literacy and numeracy. The assessments allow teachers to plan next steps and ensure parents understand how to best support their child's learning. For young people to have the best chance of reaching their potential their teachers, parents/carers and the young people themselves need to understand how they are progressing and what further support they may require.

The assessments in S3 cover aspects of Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Young People in S3 will sit the assessments in their English and Maths classes and the assessment will be overseen by their teacher for those subjects. All young people in S3 will undertake a practice assessment prior to the actual assessments being taken, at the following times:

Friday 12th November: Practice Assessment (during Maths lesson)
Monday 15th November: Reading & Writing Assessments (during English lesson)
Thursday 18th November: Numeracy Assessment (during Maths lesson)

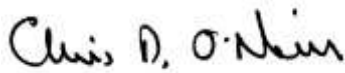
Young people complete the assessments online (on their Chromebooks) and they are marked automatically. Young people do not have to revise for these assessments. The assessments are adaptive which means that the questions will get easier if a pupil is experiencing difficulty, but will get more challenging if a pupil is doing well. The assessments are short and age and stage appropriate and while there is no time limit, we expect pupils to complete each assessment in about 40 minutes.

Please ensure your child is aware of the dates of their S3 assessments. It is vital that their Chromebook is fully charged and operational on the day of the assessment. If your child is absent for any reason on the day of one of the assessments, they will be given an opportunity to complete the assessments on their return to school.

Should you be interested, more information about the Scottish National Standardised Assessments can be found at <https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/>

Should you have any further queries about these assessments then please get in touch with me.

Yours Sincerely



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